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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed January 6, 2000, attached is a Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application which has been executed by the inventors, as well as a copy of the Notification.

The Surcharge for providing the Declaration later than 20 months from the original priority date has already been submitted.

Applicants request that the time for responding to this action be extended five (5) month(s) to JULY 6, 2000. A check for the statutory fee of \$1,850.00 is enclosed.

The Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayments to, counsel's deposit account No. 13-3402, a copy of this paper being attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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